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Caught in a Trance

Hypnotist Tom Deluca fascinates students at Wait Chapel Sept. 19

ARAMARK still cleaning up rough edges

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It may be time to run for the border: with the recent additions of Kentucky Fried Chicken and Subway, the Pit has more fast food choices but is suffering from some logjams.

Fast food may not be the appropriate term because the changes in the menu and the structural renovation of the cafeteria have brought longer lines and slower service.

According to Scott Ownby, the manager of ARAMARK, sales at the Pit have increased 10-12 percent this year.

Ownby said the cafeteria renovations were intended to decrease the congestion in the Benson Food Court;

as a result traffic has increased in the Pit, and sales in Benson have decreased by five or six percent.

Increased sales are not the only cause of long lines. To facilitate the changes in the Pit, ARAMARK retrained its employees and they are still learning the ropes of the system.

However, Ownby said he is not worried about the system. "We feel that once customers and employees are up to speed there will be an improvement," he said.

Once the novelty of the new features in the Pit decreases, Ownby said he expects to see sales and traffic level off.

ARAMARK has received few complaints about the overall changes. Some students have complained that

there is less variety from traditional venues such as "World's Fare." Decreased space has resulted in smaller selection at any given meal. Instead of offering four different types of pasta at one time, the station may offer two at lunch and two at dinner.

As the staff becomes more familiar with the system, they plan to offer greater variation. "World's Fare" hopes to offer a Mexican menu or a Southern barbecue in the upcoming weeks, instead of just Italian cuisine, Ownby said.

Freshens Yogurt has been a particularly successful addition to the Pit. Within the first three days, the yogurt and coffee stand depleted its two week supply of yogurt. Skyrocketing sales also caused the machines

to overload and breakdown, according to Ownby.

In the past, the Pit has remained open later for service. The staff found that even with the extended hours, there was still a rush before closing time.

ARAMARK officials said that if the demand arose, they would consider keeping the Pit open later. A deterrent of keeping later hours is the difficulty of maintaining a fully staffed operation at night.

ARAMARK has no concrete plans for further expansion. The company hopes to perfect the current system first. "ARAMARK guarantees satisfaction to every customer, and is always welcome to suggestions for better service," Ownby said.

Family Weekend offers variety of fun

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Looking for something to do Oct. 6-8? Then invite your family to come to campus and take part in Family Weekend 1995.

The annual event, which used to be called Parents' Weekend, has undergone a name change since last year.

Student Union Family Weekend chairwoman Karin Osburn, a sophomore, said that the name was changed to be more inclusive.

"We wanted to open it to everyone in the family... the family unit isn't just Mom, Dad and you," she said.

Osburn expects a large number of families to attend. "Student Union has gotten about 320 registrations already, and we're expecting between 500-600," she said.

Following registration on Oct. 6 in the Benson University Center, where registration packets, schedules, parking passes and all pre-paid tickets can be picked up, a welcome reception will be held in Benson.

Several activities will take place on campus on Friday night. Families can choose between *Noises Off*, the 8 p.m. Mainstage Theatre performance, or the Secret Artist Series concert presented by pianist Richard Goode at 8:30 p.m.

Advance tickets for the play can be purchased through the University Theatre Box Office at \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. With the Family Weekend reservation form, concert tickets are \$7 for parents and family members, but students and siblings under 12 will be admitted free.

After the 9 a.m. Saturday morning welcome address by President Thomas K. Hearn Jr. and the Parents' Council in Pugh Auditorium, a Family Symposia will be held at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. in Benson. According to senior Meg Tate, the Student Union vice president, the symposia will "present information sessions and lectures that parents can attend, on topics that range from campus life to something academic."

Before families head to Groves Stadium for the 6:30 p.m. football game against Maryland, they can attend a family tailgate at Piccolo Park from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Tate said of the tailgate, "I think it's a great idea, something new. It offers parents and their children something to do before the game and the opportunity for parents to meet each other."

Advance tickets for the pre-game tailgate can be purchased for \$8 each, or a combined tailgate and game ticket can be bought for \$22. Football tickets are \$18 each (\$9 for children), and students are admitted free. Tickets can be bought in advance through the athletic ticket office or at the student pick-up on Oct. 3 and 4.

After the football game, families can head back to campus in time for a 9:30 p.m. performance by The Fettucini Brothers in Wait Chapel. Tickets to the two-man comedy and juggling show can be bought in advance or at the door for \$5 each.

Sunday brunch in Benson 401 will take place at two different times. The first seating is from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., while families who plan on a later start can be seated from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Advance tickets are \$12 each.

In addition, families can attend the 11 a.m. worship service at Wait Chapel and the 2 p.m. performance of *Noises Off* before heading home.

Maternity leave policy ambiguous

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The question for women of how to combine a career and a family is a bit more confusing at the university due to an ambiguous maternity leave policy.

Uncertainty on the parts of both the faculty and administration has led to a somewhat unclear maternity leave policy. While the administration is perceived as lacking full understanding of the challenges faced by faculty members requiring maternity leave, professors have historically been reluctant to seek clarification or expansion of the policy.

Until the spring of 1993, the university simply held an informal maternity leave policy. In 1993, a more formal policy, which grants a faculty member six weeks of paid leave for either pregnancy or childbirth, was enacted.

The paid leave only applies to periods during the nine month academic year. A six week leave requested for the summer would not be granted, since the break exists outside the faculty members' employment arrangement.

According to Jim Ferrell, the director of personnel, the established policy requires that a professor place the request for leave in writing, indicating the date she plans to return. "The process is quite routine," Ferrell said. "We would readily grant the leave. Our only real involvement would be to process the variations in the payroll if the faculty member opts to extend their leave to the unpaid leave."

The university's policy complies with the regulations established by the Family and Medical Leave Act of August, 1993. The act established a federal regulation which mandated that a minimum of six weeks of leave, either paid or unpaid, must be granted to pregnant employees who request it. Under this law, an employee must be granted up to twelve weeks of leave if she makes such a request.

In practice, professors have not chosen to use the options provided by the maternity leave policy. According to associate professor of politics, Katy Harriger, this choice might be because the university has not clearly conveyed the policy to the faculty.

"People still worry about the potential negative effects of taking leave," Harriger said. "Untenured professors, in particular, are in a somewhat uncertain position and don't know the extent to which taking time off is going to hurt."

Harriger faced the decision of how to handle balancing the timing of her leave with her responsibility to her students and the birth of her son eight

years ago. "At the time because there was no policy and I was an untenured professor, it was hard to know what you could ask for," she said.

Harriger initially assumed that her son's birth would fall over Christmas break, but encountered a dilemma when her pregnancy extended past the due date and eventually required a Caesarean section. Her son was two weeks old when the semester started, which cut the medically recommended recovery process of six weeks inconveniently short.

"I followed the precedent established in my department of returning to work after two weeks off for the birth. The people who were affected by the lack of maternity policy at that time, and are affected by an unclear policy now, act on the basis of a fear of being different. They follow these precedents that have been set, despite the difficulties of doing so," Harriger said.

Simone Caron, an assistant professor of history, who had a child in January, resolved the challenge of balancing a new baby with her work by requesting research leave for the time immediately following her child's birth. Caron was able to work on the composition of a book for which she had previously researched while caring for her infant at home.

Rebecca Thomas, an assistant professor of German, had a baby in April, but only took two weeks of leave before she returned to teach her classes. Thomas said she felt that the university's policy was not very relevant to her situation.

"It didn't seem fair to the students to leave after taking them two-thirds of the way through the semester," Thomas said. "In addition, my department was extraordinarily supportive and helpful; so much so that I never thought to take advantage of the policies that were in place."

Ferrell said that the professors are welcome to take six weeks off while someone takes care of their classes until they return. Thomas, Caron, and Harriger said they felt that the six weeks was an awkward amount of time, though. According to Thomas, the professors would rather not burden their colleagues with taking over their classes. They also prefer to not abandon their students midstream.

"There's no practical way of leaving for six weeks without harming students," she said.

Professors feel that faculty members should ideally be granted leave for the entire semester in which their child is born.

Ferrell asserts that the six week policy is very similar to the policies of other universities. He also said that no problems with the standing policy have been vocalized.

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New DWI laws make penalties more severe for younger drivers

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Before appointing that least-drunk person to drive home, take note: a change in the state drinking and driving laws means that underage drivers with any amount of alcohol in their systems can have their licenses revoked for a year.

As of 12:01 a.m. Friday, Sept. 15, the new laws took effect. A driver under the age of 21 with any amount of alcohol or controlled substance (other than lawfully prescribed

drugs) in his system risks a misdemeanor charge and the loss of his license for a year.

A person under 21 charged under the above law can also be charged with DWI if his blood-alcohol level is 0.08 percent or higher.

A person between the ages of 18 and 21 who does not have a previous offense is eligible for limited driving privileges if he is only convicted of driving with some alcohol in his system and his license is not revoked for any other reason.

A judge may require that a person given limited driving privileges on a DWI conviction

operate only a designated vehicle.

He also can require that the person install an ignition lock on the vehicle that must be activated by the privileged holder and would insure that he is not impaired.

A judge must require a substance-abuse assessment before granting limited driving privileges.

Alco-sensor, a roadside sobriety testing system and screening tool, can now be used in court to prove that a driver has been drinking. Any reading over zero on an Alco-sensor is enough evidence to convict offenders under

an open-container law. A first offense will not result in license revocation, but subsequent convictions under a open-container law can.

If a person under 21 is convicted of DWI, his license must be revoked.

As before, there can be no opened bottles of liquor (seals broken) or fortified wine and no mixed drinks.

Under the N.C. law, passengers in the vehicle can, however, have open containers of beer or other malt beverages or unfortified wine so long as the person designated to drive has had nothing to drink and has taken no

impairing substances.

Regina Lawson, the chief of Campus Police, reminds students that under a Winston Salem city ordinance, neither the driver nor the passengers can have an open display of alcohol.

About the revised law, Lawson said, "There are some minor adjustments, but there is not a whole lot of change."

According to the new law, an officer may arrest a person suspected of DWI without a warrant even if he did not witness the person driving.

Students and administration combine to discuss campus issues

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Student leaders got the opportunity to discuss a variety of issues with administrators last weekend at the Tenth Annual President's Leadership Conference.

Over 60 students, faculty, and administrators gathered in Moneta, Va. to discuss, among other issues, the honor code, the educational climate and the Plan for the Class of 2000.

The session opened with the announcement for the proposal to build a new 3,000 square foot building for Shorty's.

Senior Evan Pevery, the Student Government president, said this proposal was "an unprecedented opportunity, and we gladly accepted."

The new building meets many of the needs discussed during the weekend.

The new Shorty's will foster faculty and student relations, encourage the development of community, and provide an alternative so-

cial outlet, according to the SG officers.

The theme for the weekend retreat, "Coming Together to Explore Our Past, Present, and Future," focused on the importance of building community, sharing perspectives honestly and hearing each other fully.

Mike Ford, the director of student development, described the conference as an opportunity to "...pull together the leaders of the community that have investment in academics, leadership, and experiences that we all share."

The discussion of the honor code raised important questions about the crisis of confidence in the honor system.

Many faculty and students said they lack confidence in the selection process for the Honor Council positions.

Both parties also said they lack working knowledge of how the judicial process works until they become involved. Few students even

know the honor code.

Suggested solutions included more representation by faculty and administration in the Honor Council, establishing more consistent sanctions, and placing plaques of the honor code in each classroom to remind students of their commitments.

The Plan for the Class of 2000 was discussed and highlighted by Michael Hyde, a professor of speech communication. He stressed the potential and opportunity that is before the university through the computer proposal and the affiliation with IBM.

The following discussion stressed the importance of maintaining personal relations beyond the use of the Internet.

In the open forum concluding the weekend, students expressed continued concern for improvement of race relations, the growing number of students struggling with eating disorders, grade inflation, and maintenance of the Greek system.



Mike Ford, director of student development; student Tyler Stone, SG Speaker of the House; Clay Hipp, judicial board adviser; and Harold Holmes, dean of student services, joke around at the Leadership Conference.

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